

SPORTS

In opening round of 1A playoffs

Brantley Bulldogs eclipse Sunshine 49-24

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs opened the 2007 playoff season Friday night with an impressive 49-24 win over the Sunshine Tigers, led by Anthony Guiley with 3 rushing touchdowns, 1 passing touchdown and 1 touchdown receiving as the junior standout amassed 357 all purpose yards.

On the game's first snap, Anthony Guiley took a toss, cut up the middle and raced 57 yards for a touchdown. Britt Barnes kicked the extra-point and with only 17-seconds gone off the clock the Bulldogs were already on top 7-0.

The Bulldogs next possession lasted longer, but had the same results as they went on a 10-play scoring drive. Justin Wright capped the drive when he powered in from one yard out, and Barnes booted the extra-point as Brantley's lead went to 14-0 with 5:18 remaining in the first quarter.

Sunshine showed signs of life offensively early in the second quarter and drove deep into Brantley territory. On fourth down and goal from the 3-yard-line the scoring threat ended when the Tigers' Tevin Griffin was knocked out of bounds at the 2-yardline on a jarring hit by Roy-L. Knighten.

Brantley got some breathing room on the next play on a 17-yard run by Justin Wright, while on the next play Anthony Guiley got the call and went 81 yards up the middle for his second touchdown of the half. Britt Barnes kicked the extra-point and with 6:40 remaining in the second quarter the Bulldogs' lead had grown to 21-0.

Sunshine recovered a Bulldog bobble at the Brantley 33-yard-line late in the half and cashed in the turnover to get on the scoreboard. The Tiger touchdown came on a 19-yard pass

from Marcus Lee to Stanley Hill, while Dexter Daniels made the stop on a two-point attempt, and with 1:10 left in the quarter Brantley's lead stood at 21-6.

Brantley took the ensuing kickoff and moved to midfield, where Anthony Guiley pulled up and tossed a 50-yard half-back pass to Stephen Walker for a Bulldog touchdown. Walker made the catch at the 10 and dragged two Tiger defenders into the endzone to help the 'Dogs extend their lead, and Britt Barnes added the extra-point as Brantley's lead went to 28-6 with only 10-seconds remaining in the half.

Brantley kicked off to open the second half, but got the ball right back when Justin Wright caused a fumble on the kickoff return that was recovered by Anthony Guiley at the Sunshine 8-yardline. Two runs by Guiley put the Bulldogs back in the endzone, and after the extra-point by Barnes Brantley was back in command with a 35-6 lead with 11:04 remaining in the third quarter.

Brantley's next possession resulted in a 49-yard drive that took 8 1/2 plays. The touchdown came on a fourth down and eight at the Sunshine 23-yard-line, as Chase Hall passed into the endzone and Anthony Guiley went high and stole the ball from the Tiger defender as both fell into the endzone. Barnes booted the extra-point and with 4:54 remaining in the third quarter the Bulldogs' lead was up to 42-6.

Sunshine took the ensuing kickoff and marched 66 yards in 5 plays to add to their point total. The score came on a 25-yard pass from Marcus Lee to Darrell Lockett, and while the Tigers took the two-point try failed, the Bulldogs lead to 42-12 with 1:55 left in the third quarter.

Brantley came right back with a 3 play drive that covered 48



Brantley's Tevin Daniels (6) waves his arms to show quarterback Chase Hall (7) how open he is during a play in last week's 49-24 playoff win over Sunshine.

yards. Devante Porter had a 32-yard run and scored the touchdown on a 3-yard dash, and Barnes added his seventh straight extra-point of the night as the Bulldogs lead went to 49-12 with 11:52 remaining in the game.

Sunshine scored the game's final two touchdowns on passes from Marcus Lee to Darrell Lockett, with the touchdown tosses going for 70 and 5 yards. The late scores gave the small Sunshine following something to cheer about, but had no impact on the result as Brantley claimed the big 49-24 win. Anthony Guiley gained 244 yards on 15 carries and scored 3 touchdowns, completed a half-

STATISTICS

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14	1st Downs	15
34-366	Rushes-Yds.	29-121
81	Passing Yds.	278
447	Total Offense	399
5-10-0	Passes	14-24-0
110	Return Yds.	83
2	Fumbles Lost	1
2-26	Penalties-Yds.	1-5
2-35	Punts-Ave.	4-36

2007 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

SECOND ROUND PAIRINGS
(All games are Friday, Nov. 16, at 7:00 p.m. CST unless noted otherwise.)

CLASS 1A

Sweet Water (10-0) at St. Jude (9-2)
Wadley (10-1) at Brantley (10-1)
Linden (9-2) at Milley (11-0)
Floral (9-2) at Maplesville (10-0)
Hazlewood (11-0) at Gaston (8-3)
Cedar Bluff (7-4) at Talladega County Central (11-0)
Speake (10-1) at Sulligent (10-1)
Valley Head (9-2) at Shoals Christian (6-5)

CLASS 2A

American Christian (9-2) at Highland Home (9-2)
Cottonwood (11-0) at Georgiana (7-4)
Pickens County (9-2) at Leroy (10-1)
Wicksburg (10-1) at Lanett (11-0)
Red Bay (11-0) at Sand Rock (9-2)
Piedmont (9-2) at Woodland (8-3)
Addison (9-2) at J.B. Pennington (8-3)
Pyffe (11-0) at Tanner (7-4)

CLASS 3A

Sumter County (9-2) at Cordova (11-0)
Marbury (10-1) at Pike County (11-0), Brundidge
Winfield (10-1) at Clarke County (11-0), Grove Hill
Calera (10-1) at Gordo (8-3)
Hokes Bluff (9-2) at Colbert County (10-1), Leighton
Plainview (9-2) at Leeds (7-4)
Colbert Heights (10-1) at Clay County (11-0), Ashland
Sardis (8-3) at Lincoln (8-3)

CLASS 4A

Central-Tuscaloosa (11-0) at Elmore County (9-2), Eclectic
Cleburne County (9-1) at Andalusia (10-1)
Fayette County (9-2) at Thomasville (9-2)
Trinity (8-3) at Handley (10-1), Rossake
Deshler (9-2) at East Limestone (8-3)
Madison County (10-1) at Saks (9-2)
Brooks (10-1) at St. Clair County (9-2), Odenville
Guntersville (8-3) at North Jackson (11-0), Stevenson

CLASS 5A

St. Paul's (10-1) at Jess Lanier (10-1), Bessemer
Charles Henderson (11-0) at Vigor (7-4), Prichard
Williamson (8-3) at Valley (8-3)
Eufaula (9-2) at UMS-Wright (5-6), Mobile
Benjamin Russell (9-2) at Decatur (10-1)
Cullman (11-0) at Chelsea (8-3)
Russellville (10-1) at Briarwood (11-0)
Fort Payne (11-0) at J.O. Johnson (9-2), Milton Frank Stadium, Humsville

CLASS 6A

Prattville (11-0) at Auburn (8-3)
Foley (11-0) at Murphy (7-4), Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile
Thursday
Wetumpka (10-1) at McGill-Toolen (11-0), Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile
Daphne (10-1) at Opelika (9-2)
Hoeytown (10-1) at Hoover (9-2), Hoover Met Stadium
Hewitt-Trussville (9-2) at Vestavia Hills (10-1)
Tuscaloosa County (11-0) at Mountain Brook (8-3)
Spain Park (10-1) at Gadsden City (10-1)

High School & Junior High BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

VARSITY

Thursday, November 15
Kinston at Samson (JV-VG-VB) 5:00

Friday, November 16
Ariton at Elba (VG-VB) 5:30
New Brockton at Zion Chapel (JV-VG-VB) 4:30

Monday, November 19
Pea River Valley Conference
Tourney
6:00 - Samson vs. Ariton
8:00 - Zion Chapel vs. New Brockton

Straughn Girls Tournament
3:00 - (4) Andalusia vs. Red Level
4:30 - (3) Geneva vs. Highland Home
6:00 - (2) Geneva County vs. Brantley
7:30 - (1) Straughn vs. Humsville

Tuesday, November 20
Kinston at Elba (JV-VG-VB) 4:30
Pea River Valley Conference
Tourney
6:00 - Consolation game
8:00 - Championship Game
Straughn Girls Tournament
3:00 - Loser 1 vs. Loser 2
4:30 - Loser 3 vs. Loser 4
6:00 - Winner 1 vs. Winner 2
7:30 - Winner 3 vs. Winner 4

Wednesday, November 21
Straughn Girls Tournament
3:00 - 7th place consolation
4:30 - 5th place consolation
6:00 - 3rd place consolation
7:30 - Championship game

JUNIOR HIGH

Thursday, November 15
New Brockton at Elba (8G-8B) 4:30
Fleeta at Red Level (8G-8B) 4:00
Kinston at Samson (8G-8B) 3:30

Monday, November 19
Opp at Kinston (8G-8B) 4:00
New Brockton at Ariton (8G-8B) 4:30

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Acquired through community pledge grants

Local legislators present \$40,000 to help with Elba playground project debt

Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer presented a check for \$40,000 last Wednesday, Nov. 14, from community pledge grants for the Elba Playground project.

Elba Mayor James Grimes accepted the check from Holley and Spicer and, in turn, presented it to members of the Elba Playground committee. On hand to accept the check were Laurie Chapman, coordinator of the Elba Playground project, and Nell Gilmer, treasurer. The funds will be used to help pay toward the outstanding balance of approximately \$71,000 still

owed on the playground project. Chapman and Gilmer said the money owed is due to a last minute decision to use plastic wood instead of treated lumber in the construction of the Elba playground. The plastic wood was much more expensive but almost maintenance free and stronger than wood.

An ADECA grant has been submitted from the City of Elba to obtain funds to build restrooms, a pavilion and cement amphitheater, which will be on the backside of the old school facade. Landscaping also has been included in the grant, as

well as parking.

21 trees were planted at the playground in March of this year, and Chapman said more will be added later. Also, Calvin Jackson, a retired builder, has volunteered to restore the old high school entrance. The facade entrance will be between the restrooms (left side) and the pavilion (right side).

The Elba playground, named Tiger Town Park, opened to the public for use in September 2006 after a week-long build by local residents. It is located on the site of the old Elba High School in downtown Elba.



ELBA MAYOR JAMES GRIMES presents a check for \$40,000 to Nell Gilmer, secretary/treasurer of the Elba Playground committee. The money was acquired by Senator Jimmy Holley (second from left) and Representative Terry Spicer (right) through community pledge grants and will be used to pay on the approximately \$71,000 still owed on the playground project. Also present for the check presentation last Wednesday morning was Laurie Chapman (left), coordinator for the Elba Playground project.

Elba Lions Club gives to Habitat for Humanity project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the Elba Lions Club showed their support for Coffee County Habitat for Humanity last Tuesday evening, Nov. 13, with a monetary donation to the organization.

Daniel Stephens, a representative of Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County, Ala., said the goal of Habitat for Humanity is to do away with sub-standard housing one house at a time.

The local Coffee County's Habitat for Humanity dedicated the first home built in Coffee County in 2001. The second home (in Elba) was dedicated in 2002.

According to Al Sneckenberger, chairman of the site selection committee for Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County, Ala., the fifth Habitat home built in Coffee County will be dedicated in December of this year.

"We appreciate anything you can do as an organization to help Habitat," Sneckenberger said to Lions Club members as he spoke of the organization's ongoing efforts to build more homes.

Stephens told Lions Club members he's real excited that the organization is going to build another home in Elba. Currently, the Elba Rotary Club is spearheading a project to raise the funds to build the second Habitat for Humanity home in Elba.

Keith Riegler, president of the Elba Rotary Club, said the club decided to take on a major service project and is currently raising funds to build the home.

Riegler said approximately \$10,000 was raised during the first fundraiser for the project, but he added there is still quite a bit of money yet to raise.

Riegler said the Rotary Club is working to get the word out to

other groups because a project of the magnitude needs support and not just financial support. He said the club needs money, volunteers and can certainly use everyone's prayers.

According to Riegler, the club needs approximately \$34,500 to

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Elba Christmas Festival and Parade set for Saturday, Dec. 8th

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the 20th Annual Elba Christmas Festival on Saturday, Dec. 8, on the square in downtown Elba.

Plans are well underway for this year's milestone event as chamber officials hope to deliver the best ever Christmas Festival and Parade.

The day's events will begin with "Breakfast with Santa" beginning at 8 a.m. in the coffeehouse (currently under construction on the square, by Covenant Community Church). This event is designed for children to have breakfast and fun with Santa. It will conclude at 10 a.m.

The Christmas Festival will begin at 9 a.m. as a variety of vendors open their booths for shopping. As usual, vendors will include arts and crafts, local products, food and much more.

"Entertainment for the Christmas Festival will get underway at approximately 10 a.m. and will continue until 4 p.m. Many yearly favorites will be featured along with several new acts.

Among the entertainment will be the annual Miss Christmas pageants set to begin at 11 a.m. on the festival stage. Dress will be Christmas attire. The pageant is not limited to Elba residents.

There is an entry fee for the Miss Christmas pageants that should be submitted with the contestant's bio sheet. Bio sheets can be picked up at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, Elba Elementary School or Zion Chapel Elementary School.

Practice for the pageants will be held Friday, Dec. 7, at 3:30 p.m. on the square. It is not mandatory to attend practice, but those who do not attend should turn in bio sheets prior to this time.

Divisions for the pageant include: Baby Miss (birth thru 12 months), Tiny Tot Miss (13

months thru 23 months), Petite Miss (2 years thru 3 years), Little Miss (4 years thru Kindergarten), Mini Miss (1st grade thru 2nd grade), Junior Miss (3rd grade thru 4th grade) and Miss (5th grade thru 6th grade).

The queens and runners-up will be invited to ride in the

Christmas Parade later in the day. Another entertainment highlight that Chamber officials are really excited about this year will be the presentation of a short play, "Feels Like

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Bullock VFD receives new fire truck

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Bullock Volunteer Fire Department, which covers a portion of northwest Coffee County, received a delivery to be thankful for early last week. On Monday evening, Nov. 12,

a new fire truck was delivered to the rural fire department. The new tanker/pumper truck holds up to 2,000 gallons of water.

Fire chief Brian Rayborn said the members of the department are proud to have the new truck to help them better serve resi-

dents. He said the truck replaces a 1952 Ford truck in the department's fleet.

The truck cost \$173,807 and was acquired through a FEMA grant.

Bullock VFD is located in Crenshaw County.



BULLOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT officers (from left) Brian Rayborn, chief; Lpuitse Marler, secretary/treasurer; and David Leverett, first assistant chief, are shown above with the new Kenworth diesel tanker/pumper truck delivered last Monday evening to the fire department.

Meet the Coffee County EMS Team

Glenn Boutwell has been involved with EMS for a total of 15 years, including volunteer work. He currently serves as an EMT-Basic.

Boutwell's training includes EMT-Basic and EVO/C. When asked what he enjoys the most about his job, he said, "the variety of situations that I have to deal with."

Boutwell's most memorable experience on the job came when he saved the life of a small child.

His hobbies and interests include fishing and bowling.

Glenn's family includes his wife and three kids. He is also employed by SQ Fabrication and Gantt Volunteer Rescue Squad.



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EDITORIAL

Liberal Congress has been a disappointment

FROM THE HOUSE
by Congressman Terry Everett

Thursday is Thanksgiving Day all across the United States. It is a day of giving thanks for all great things we enjoy as Americans. Or so we thought. It seems American citizens are not just upset with politics, we (or some of us) are just upset. It takes more brain than is available in this corner to sort out what is going on in today's world, but it is clear someone out there will complain and/or criticize anything and everything. It shocked us several years ago when some group started demonstrations and marches opposing Columbus Day. We had spent a lifetime believing what was taught to us in elementary school about ole Christopher. Then the news began to carry stories of opposition to other things and traditions. The icing on the cake is to read that some splinter groups now consider it horrible for Americans to celebrate a day of Thanksgiving. We strongly believe in the freedoms so cherished in the U. S. but it is frightening that all the ongoing diversity may actually weaken or destroy this great way of life. Of course it is easy to look at immigrants and question why they clamor to come to this country and then launch campaigns to make major changes. Then it is sort of insulting to see fellow Americans constantly acting as if they would rather destroy what is here rather than accept anything which is not exactly to their individual (or splinter group) way of thinking at the moment. Apparently they don't understand that once destroyed, our great freedoms are gone forever. They may then see our football fields lined with those who dare to speak out, down on their knees and being shot in the back of the head for their transgressions. Don't think it can't happen . . . it can.

Join us in giving thanks on Thanksgiving Day. Enjoy being with family members and relish the abundance of food on your table. Obesity is a "growing" problem in this country and should be a concern for all of us, but it is better to be worrying about overeating than having to send your children to bed hungry.

The speculation on exactly who would be replacing retiring U. S. Representative Terry Everett died down a bit after a couple of weeks of guessing. Now it is picking up a bit following the announcement by State Senator Harri Anne Smith indicating she would definitely be a candidate. Montgomery Mayor Bright originally indicated he had just finished a mayor's race and was tired of politicking and would not be a candidate. Now he is apparently reconsidering because he is promising a decision in the coming months on entering this race. It is not often a position such as that is up for grabs without fighting the incumbent.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 12, 2007, investigated the following incidents: two for theft of property, three for criminal mischief, one for criminal possession of a forged instrument, two for domestic violence, one for driving under the influence, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for private property accident, one for harassment, one for possession of marijuana, one for a family dispute, one for criminal trespassing, one for identity theft and one for duty upon striking an unattended vehicle.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for driving under the influence, three for failure to appear, one for criminal mischief, one for possession of marijuana, one for theft of property and one for failure to pay.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for improper passing, two for speeding, two for a revoked driver's license, one for no seat belt, one for driver's license restriction violation, one for a suspended driver's license, one for no insurance and one for improper equipment.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1556 Gray St. (4:28 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1831 County Rd. 418 (9:26 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Guyton St. (12:10 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 850 County Rd. 105 (7:52 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1233 Mullins

Circle (7:17 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - Burglary reported at the car wash on Hickman Ave. (8:13 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1532 Reese Ave. (8:41 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Simmons St. (3:53 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at the end of Jackson St. (6:59 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Martin Luther King Dr. (11:48 a.m.); Domestic disturbance (in progress) reported at 611 Jackson St. (1:38 p.m.); Wreck reported on County Rd. 349 (11:49 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on County Rd. 349 (11:49 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - Disturbance (noise) reported in the area of Whitman Ave. (2:39 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 151 County Rd. 201 (10:29 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 6021 Hwy. 141 (1:14 p.m.); Prowler reported at 1246 Jones Circle (5:30 p.m.).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - Disturbance (noise) reported in the area of 331 Smith Ave. (1:35 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1444 Reese Ave. (10:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 427 County Rd. 483 (1:06 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1233 Farris St. (1:52 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 953 Harper Dr. (3:55 p.m.).

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As I write this column, the 110th Congress has been in session for nearly 11 months. During this time, instead of tackling the country's many pressing issues, from energy to health care, the liberal-dominated Congress has distinguished itself for its overall lack of accomplishments. As Congress heads toward the final month of 2007, its record so far is disappointing.

Democrat House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-San Francisco, recently held a rally at the Capitol to mark the success of the Democrat Congress to date. She also declared that Congress would not meet for a week during November because so much has been accomplished already during this first session of the 110th Congress. This left many in Washington scratching their heads in disbelief.

I hate to spoil their party, but the facts just don't match their claims. Behind their rhetoric is a very weak record of legislative accomplishment. It wasn't until November 8 that Congress actually sent the first of the annual appropriations bills to the president for his signature. This is one of the worst performance records by Congress in two decades. Not since 1987, has Congress gone so long in a calendar year before sending a single appropriations bill to the president.

Congress normally considers much legislation over the course of a year, but funding the federal government through the 12 separate appropriations bills constitutes the bulk of the mandatory work for lawmakers. These spending bills must be passed in order to keep the federal government running - providing everything from Veterans' and Social Security benefits, to Medicare and our national defense.

This year, the Democrat Congress has done little more than spin its wheels. It has been unable to work with the conservative minority in swiftly passing vital annual funding

for our veterans. So what has been going on in Congress for the last 11 months? Of the 107 bills that were passed by both Houses and signed into law, 47 were to designate names for post offices, court houses and roads.

And 14 others were simply extending pre-existing public laws. Not much heavy lifting this year.

The latest public opinion polls indicate the American people are fed up with Congress's inability to do its work. A Reuters/Zogby poll in late October reported an 11 percent approval rating for Congress. And it's no wonder. Much important legislation remains deadlocked because the liberal majority refuses to drop its extremist agenda.

Examples include the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) where the majority wants to expand the beneficial low-income children's program to cover adults, children from middle income families, while doing nothing to bar illegals from applying. The majority has also refused to pass vital funding for our nation's veterans before Veterans' Day. Apparently veterans are not a priority for the liberal leadership of Congress. Nor is the energy crunch facing Americans. Despite passing separate energy bills earlier this year, the House and Senate have yet to go to conference to pass a

final bill. And our farmers are still waiting on a new Farm Bill now that the current one has expired.

With just over a month to go, it's time the Democrat Congress got busy and finally addressed the nation's problems instead of naming post offices. So far, the "bold new direction" that Speaker Pelosi promised the nation when liberals took the helm of Congress has been a journey down a dead end street.



WANTED...Bell ringers are needed for the Coffee County Salvation Army annual holiday fund drive. Bell ringers can sign up for one hour shifts. For more information or to sign up to be a bell ringer this holiday season in the Elba area, contact Kristy Hickman at 897-2090 or Barbara Turner at 897-5202. Luke, Levi and Leah Hickman encourage everyone to help their mom help the Salvation Army help others because "need knows no season."

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Area Deaths

ELVA LUCILLE WHARTON

Mrs. Elva Lucille Wharton, age 90, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at the Elba General Hospital.

Burial will be held at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Inverness, Fla. under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

Mrs. Wharton was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Franklin Wharton.

Survivors include a daughter: Loretta Wharton Stokes, Elba; son: Rodney Wharton, Parkersburg, W. Va.; step daughter: Patricia Fulton, Vienna, W. Va.; two sisters: Glenna Cross, Glendale Heights, Ill.; Clarence Koleszar, Columbus, Ohio; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Sponsored by the Coffee County Cooperative Extension office
Holiday House free to the public

The Coffee County Cooperative Extension office will host a Holiday House on Monday, Nov. 26, from 6-8:30 p.m. in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

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FOCUSED ON FACTS

Anastasia

Tsar had absolute power over Russia's 150,000,000 people. Nearly eighty per cent of them were peasants, living in small villages.

At the beginning of World War I, her father appointed the country's leading generals to direct the war. In the first major battle with Germany, the Russian army lost 140,000 of its 150,000 soldiers, and within a year, Nicholas named himself commander in chief of the army.

It made no difference. In 1916, as Anastasia continued her luxurious life behind the walls of the Royal Palace, Russia lost nearly a million men, while agriculture and industry collapsed, leaving millions more facing hardship. Anti-war sentiment spread like wildfire, as millions watched their crops rot, and their husbands, sons, and fathers die.

By early 1917, most Russians blamed the Tsar personally for the disastrous situation. Unable to continue, he abdicated on March 15. Almost immediately, the new government arrested Nicholas, Alexandra, and their children.

Even though the war was universally unpopular, the new government continued fighting, failing to understand the depth of opposition among the troops. That summer, nearly 2,000,000 Russian soldiers deserted, returning to their homes.

Throughout the summer, the Bolsheviks waited for an opportunity to seize power from the provisional government. Led by Vladimir Lenin, they were communists whose power had grown by gaining control of governing councils in Moscow, St. Petersburg, and other cities. By early fall, they had trained a 25,000 member militia.

On November 7, 1917, their opportunity finally arrived. The communist militia surrounded the government's headquarters in St. Petersburg, known as the Winter Palace. In less than a day, the government realized that neither the army, nor the people, would support them and surrendered to the communist leaders. The Soviet Union was born.

The following spring Anastasia, her parents, two sisters, and brother Alexey were taken to the Siberian town of Ekaterinburg. On the night of July 16, 1918, their guards murdered Nicholas, Anastasia, her mother, her brother and three sisters. For more information, take The Web Journey.

NEXT WEEK: "The Uprising of the 20,000"

THE WEB JOURNEY

Alexander Palace.org:
Russian History Web Sites

Russian Archives Online

BBC - War, Revolution and Civil War in Russia: 1914 - 1921

This resource gives an overview of events in Russia during World War I that ultimately led to the downfall of Tsar Nicholas and the Revolution of 1917. It also discusses the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk signed shortly after the revolution that ended Russian participation in the war, and the Civil War that followed.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/6nuu8>

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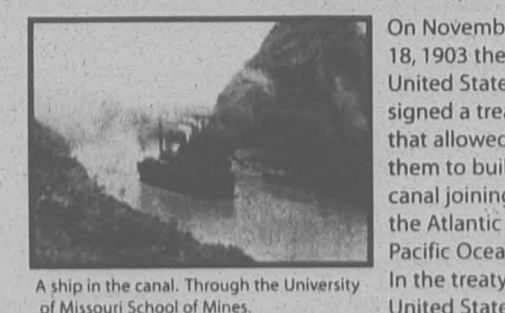
The New Season's Study Club will have a table set up at the Elba Christmas Festival (Saturday, Dec. 8) for canned goods in lieu of the Magical Christmas float (in the parade) as in years past. The canned goods will be donated to local families in need during the Christmas season.

New Season's Study Club
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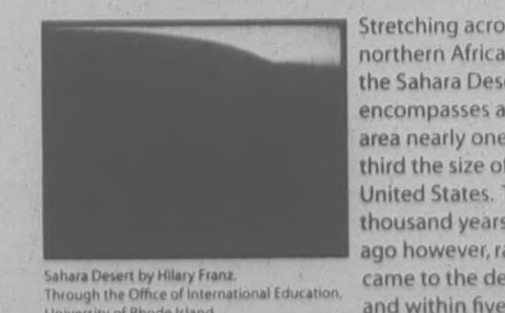


A ship in the canal. Through the University of Missouri School of Mines.

On November 18, 1913 the United States signed a treaty that allowed them to build a canal joining the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. In the treaty, the United States agreed to pay \$1,000,000 immediately, together with ongoing annual payments of \$250,000 in return for control of a ten-mile wide strip of land. After its completion in 1914, the canal allowed ships to reach the Pacific Ocean without rounding Cape Horn. What is the canal? Do you need to find the answer, or want to read the treaty?

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/3zak7>

BEYOND OUR BORDERS



Sahara Desert by Hilary France. Through the Office of International Education, University of Rhode Island.

Stretching across northern Africa, the Sahara Desert encompasses an area nearly one-third the size of the United States. Ten thousand years ago however, rains came to the desert and within five hundred years, it was transformed into a lush, tropical wonderland. People migrated to the Sahara from the Nile River Valley, staying until the rains stopped, five to seven thousand years ago. Within a few hundred years, it reverted to the forbidding desert we know today.

Find out more about life in and around the world's largest desert at <http://tinyurl.com/rf5gu>.

LIFESTYLES

Packheiser-Smith wedding held Saturday, October 27th in Texas



Mr. and Mrs. Erik Austin Packheiser

Natalie Blake Smith of Brownwood, Texas and Erik Austin Packheiser of Cedar Park, Texas were united in marriage at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 27 in the bride's home. The bride's father officiated the ceremony in the presence of family members.

Natalie is the daughter of Jack and Stacy Smith of Brownwood. She is the granddaughter of the late Henry J. Smith and the late Margaret Brunson Smith, who were Elba residents. She is also the granddaughter of Iva Seay Hawks of Blytheville, Arkansas and the late Randall Hawks.

Erik is the son of Robert and Vicki Packheiser of Cedar Park. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald Packheiser and Catherine Yeo of Hazel Crest, Illinois and the late William Yeo.

The bride was escorted by her father to the altar of the Smith home. She wore a white v-neck empire waist gown accented with rhinestones and silver beading. Her bouquet consisted of pink roses accented with Gerbera daisies. On her little finger, she wore the engagement ring that her great-grandmother, Zelma Rowe of Elba, was given by Arthur Brunson before they married in 1914.

Emily Smith of Houston, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor.

J.T. Packheiser of Cedar Park, twin brother of the groom, served as best man.

Clay Reichenbach of Houston escorted the bride's mother, grandmother, and the groom's mother.

A family reception was held immediately following the ceremony.

The couple enjoyed a honeymoon on San Antonio's Riverwalk and are now residing in San Marcos, Texas.

NEWS FROM OUR SERVICE FOLKS

MICHAEL L. MESSER

Air Force Airman Michael L. Messer has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airman who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Tamara and Jerry Messer of Highway 189, Elba, Ala. Messer is a 2006 graduate of Elba High School.



Thelma and Q.P. Boswell

Q.P. and Thelma Boswell celebrate 65th wedding anniversary recently

Q. P. and Thelma Hudson celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Nov. 14th in Billings Montana where they now live.

They have 3 children, son Dwayne and his wife Cathy of New Mexico; daughters Sandra and her husband Mike Grooms

of Tallahassee Fla and Susie and her husband Bill Devine of Billings Montana. They also have 7 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. They moved to Billings last year to start a new adventure in life, and really love the West.

Enterprise-Ozark Community College's course offerings online continue in popularity. Students taking internet courses with EOCC can be assured of getting the same quality education they would in the classroom, just via a different delivery system. The same excellent EOCC faculty teach these courses.

For next spring semester, courses will be offered in accounting, business, computers, economics, office administration, English, speech, art and music appreciation, history, psychology, sociology, math, and physical science. Students enrolled in internet courses must be self-starters, as they will not be required to attend classes at set times. The ability to obtain instruction and lessons at their convenience, however, is one of the big advantages to students with busy lifestyles.

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There will be a Christmas Concert at Camp Vineyard at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 2nd.

The special guest will be Cinde Lucas. Joining her in song will be the Children's Choir from St. John's Baptist Church of Brundidge.

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Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe accepting vendor applications

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Coming CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
Saturday, December 8th
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Tri-County Community Orchestra to hold annual Christmas Concert

The Tri-State Community Orchestra will present its annual Christmas concert "Holiday Music and Art" on Friday Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dothan Cultural Arts Center. Special guests include the Providence Christian School Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Belinda Strowd, vocalist Marlesa Greiner, and emcee Fred Azbell of Troy Public Radio. The Dothan Wiregrass Art League and the TCO are sponsoring an art contest for students of the Wiregrass based on musical selections from the concert. A reception to view the artwork and vote as the "People's Choice Award" will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the CAC lobby. For more information call 334-699-ARTS or 334-794-5096.

Courses offered via internet continue to flourish

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CHURCH AREA



COFFEE BAPTIST SENIOR ADULTS ENJOY ORLANDO TRIP - Fifty-three senior adults enjoyed The Holy Land Experience and other sites in Orlando Florida. The group left Nov. 5th and returned Nov. 8th. Shirley Holland, Senior Adult Director for Coffee Baptist Association coordinated the event.



WOMEN FROM COFFEE COUNTY BAPTIST CHURCHES met on Monday night, November 5th for the World Day of Prayer. This event is hosted annually by New Brockton First Baptist Church.

An ensemble from First Korean and Christy Hixson from First Baptist New Brockton led in worship with beautiful singing. Erna Ammon, WMU Director for Coffee Baptist Association led the women in praying for other women around the world. In the attached photo there will be The First Korean Women's Ensemble and Christy Hixson

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Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.
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Rev. Phillip Bea, Minister
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Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
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Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
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Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
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Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.
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Pastor Rev. Billy Reed
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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Wed. Service: 6:30 p.m.
ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 6:30 p.m.
ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.
ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
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Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Round & About With Eria 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:1-24

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: The Alston and Wamble Families, Marie Tillis, Jadie Refeggie Jr., Paul Belcher, Betty Newton, Dora Belcher, Bufus Tillis Sr. are invited.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY: Ted Horstead- November 20, Windi Kyser- November 22, Ann Moulry- November 23 (in Memory Of), Auberta Williams Mitchell- November 24, Ronnie and Mable Hammond- November 24 (Wedding Anniversary)

A BENEFIT PROGRAM FOR JUAN STARKS will be held at the New Glorious Church of God in Christ (Shiloh Community), Elba, Alabama, on Sunday, November 25, 2007 at 8 p.m. The benefit is sponsored by the Class of 1977. Guest choir will be The Liberty Aires, Enterprise, New Beginnings, Enterprise, The Redeemed

Ladies Power Lunch planned for Tuesday, November 27th

First Baptist Church Women's Ministry will host Ladies Power Lunch on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 12:00 noon. The lunch will be at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church, Enterprise.

"Only One Thing is Needed" is the message speaker Carmen Bruce will share through Bible Study and Special Music.

Call in reservations to Michelle at 393-5683 by November 21. Cost for meal at noon is \$5.00.

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Word from the Lord as given to Evangelist Dyan Morland

Thanksgiving - An Act of Worship

Psalm 116:12, 17-18
12-What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?
17-I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.
18-I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

Thanksgiving is defined as gratitude, especially toward God, for a gift or action. Thanksgiving is an important element of Christian worship expressed in everyday life as well as during worship services. We should show thanksgiving in word, action, and attitude. Thanksgiving Day in the United States began in 1621 after the Plymouth Settlers, who became known as "pilgrims" set apart a holiday immediately after their first harvest. They held an autumn celebration of food, feasting and praising God after they had landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts to begin a new life in modern day Canada. The first official Thanksgiving Proclamation was issued by Continental Congress in 1777. In 1789 President Washington designated a national thanksgiving holiday for the newly ratified Constitution, specifically so that the people may thank God for "affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness" and for "having been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness". Later on, President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a Federal holiday as a "prayerful day of Thanksgiving" on the last Thursday in November. In November of 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt set the date for Thanksgiving to the fourth Thursday of November.

Scripturally, pilgrimage to the temple and temple worship were characterized by thanksgiving in Psalm 42:4; 95:2; 100:4; and 122:4. Psalm 35:8, thankfulness was expressed for personal deliverance. Psalm 44:7-8, thankfulness was expressed for national deliverance. Psalm 100:5, thankfulness was expressed for God's faithfulness to the covenant. Psalm 30:4-5 & Isaiah 12:1, rendered thanksgiving for forgiveness. Lastly, all creation joins in offering thanks to God in Psalm 145:10.

We are required to give thanks in everything for this is the will of God through Christ Jesus. We should thank him in the good times. We should thank him in the bad times, for if we had no bad times, we really wouldn't/couldn't recognize and appreciate the good times. We should thank him for the mountains, thank him for the valleys - thank him for all He's brought us through. If we never had problems, then we would never know that God could solve them. We could never know what faith in His word could do for us. We should enjoy our loved ones and friends this holiday but let us not become so entangled with the pilgrims, the pumpkin pie, the turkey and all the trimmings and forget the real reason we are to be thankful. "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Happy Thanksgiving Day to all!

Church Directory

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Andy Marler, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION
May Seaver
Sunday Morn. Service: 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service: 5:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Jerry Long, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Hiram & Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Even. Service: 7:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorand Flowers, Minister
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Nathaniel Fleming, Pastor
2nd & 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sun. Night

NEWBRIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Wayne Webster
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

NEW CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parke, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GLEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Fred Forney, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Richard B. Mass, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Elder Cornelius Newman-Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Bib. Stud. Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Gaven Davis, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet: 6:30 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Joe Farris, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet: 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Earl Smith
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.
Friday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Pastor-Rev. Roy L. Turner
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service: 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Dorine Mafer, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Sis. Ruby Nell & Doug Lawson, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Dr. James Newell, Interim Pastor
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet: 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor-Randall Pearson
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet: 6:30 p.m.

WISE HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
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WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
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Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

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Chris Barrow, Pastor
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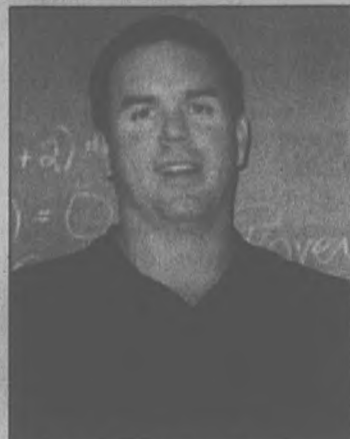
Tiger Tales

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Teacher Spotlight

by Megan Sullivan

This week's teacher spotlight is Bryan Peacock. Coach Peacock teaches science at EHS and also coaches junior high and varsity girls' basketball and is an assistant varsity baseball coach. Coach Peacock is a 1993 graduate of Enterprise High School, and a graduate of the University of Alabama. He has taught at several schools over the past seven years such as Northview High School in Pensacola, Fla., Daleville Middle School and Enterprise Junior High School. This is his third year at Elba High School. Coach Peacock is married to Kristina and has two sons Hunter (7) and Dawson (5 months).



Bryan Peacock

When asked some interesting facts about himself, Coach Peacock explained he enjoys playing golf. He owns a lawn care business in Enterprise. He also played baseball in college.

Over 60 students honored with A-Club breakfast

by Yoquesha Terry

On Thursday, Nov. 8, the A-Club breakfast was held for all students receiving all As first semester. There was over 60 students with all As for the first semester at Elba High. Breakfast was sponsored by Scott Kelley (Kelley Foods), Joe Waldorff (FFA) and Larry Goodson (Skills USA).

Special guests were Valerie McGuire, the chairperson of the

school board, and Superintendent Danny Weeks. They each congratulated the A-Club members for achieving all As first semester and encouraged them to keep up the good work. Kevin Killingsworth, assistant principal of the high school, thanked Cheryl Adcock for making the A-Club cards. An A-Club card allows a student during the semester to present the card to his or her teacher to leave for break five minutes early.

CCYLP students focus on healthcare and proper manners during meeting

by Megan Sullivan

The Coffee County Youth Leadership program has its members learning again. This month's focus on leadership was based on healthcare and proper manners.

Leading the healthcare portion of the day was Gary Brown. He is the executive director of Reach America. As explained to the group, Reach America's goal is to educate young Americans about the importance of remaining abstinent. After Brown gave his background and spoke to the group about the importance of abstinence, the group played

several games based on leadership.

Following the healthcare portion, students made their way to another room where they learned proper table manners. They were taught how to properly cut chicken in case they need the skills when they get older.

The students in the Coffee County Youth Leadership program are learning many different leadership skills to lead their fellow classmates and community in the right direction.

CoOp Spotlight

by April Price



Shamba Jones

helped sponsor the tournament. In addition he thanked all of the EHS Ambassadors who participated in working as well as faculty and staff members from both schools.

Announcements:

• Grad Ad prices are as follows: \$50 for 1/8 page black and white, \$55 color; \$90 for 1/4 page black and white, \$100 color; \$110 for 1/2 page black and white, \$125 color; \$160 for full page black and white, \$180 color. Grad ads will remain on sale through Dec. 17.

• Yearbooks are now available for pick up and extras are on sale for \$45. Contact the journalism staff at EHS for more information. Extras will remain on sale until 7:00 each morning. Parents should not drop students off before 7:00. No students should be in the building before 7:00 each morning.

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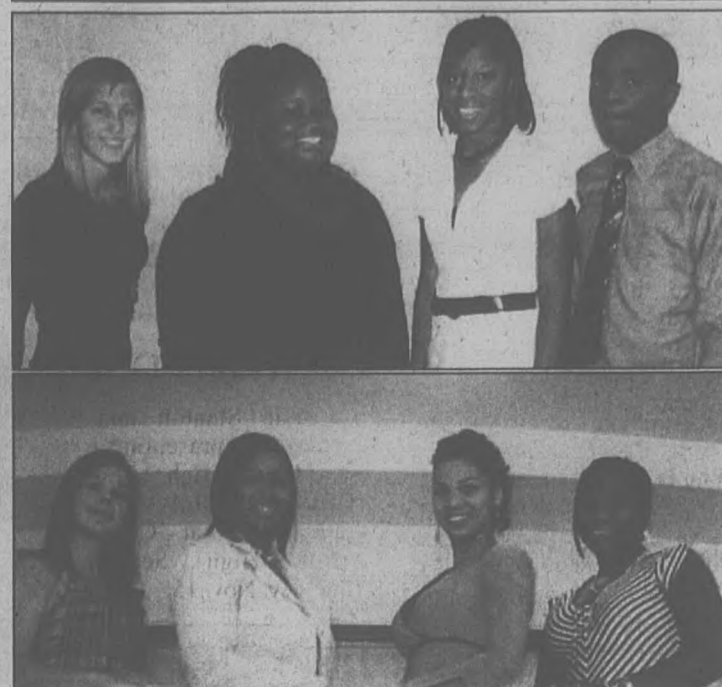
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A-Club members Yoquesha Terry and Kim Blue hold up their cards



SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS (by Kelly Corder)...Each year, the students in each grade vote for the students they think will best represent their class. The junior class officers (bottom picture) are: president April Finsodre; vice-president Chessie Cross; secretary Shanika Pruitt; and treasurer Shondell Horstead; vice-president Kerri Jones; secretary Daniqua Horstead; and treasurer Kayla Rials.

Elba students participate in events held at the National Peanut Festival

by Chessie Cross

On Thursday, Nov. 1, Ms. Whitlock took a group of 38 students to the National Peanut Festival. The students enjoyed themselves, and many of them entered different contests within the cooking division and the sewing/needlework division. Tray received a 1st place ribbon, and Trionne Craighead received a 3rd place ribbon and an honorable mention in the sewing contest; and Tyroneda Gray was awarded 3rd place in the needlework contest.



A large crowd of Elba fans traveled the long distance to Winfield, Ala., to cheer for the Tigers.

Elba Tigers exit playoffs in first round

by Erica Daniels

The Elba Tigers wrapped up their season Friday night, Nov. 9, against the Winfield Panthers in the first round of the playoffs. The Tigers lost by a score of 32-6.

The Tigers were led by quarterback Trey Martin, who completed 20 of 34 passes for 247 yards. Gavin Respress, who caught 7 passes for 96 yards, and Dylan McCollough, who caught 3 passes for 84 yards. Carlos Matias, who had 19 carries for 135 yards, also caught 4 passes for 30 yards. On the defensive side of the

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Ambassadors conduct annual food drive

The NBHS Ambassadors held its annual food drive last week. The faculty and students at New Brockton High School were encouraged to participate by bringing in nonperishable food items for the drive. Altogether the organization and school collected over 300 nonperishable food items and \$150 cash to give back to the community.

Some of the items were distributed to a family in the community and the remainder of the items were donated to The Peoples Bank of Coffee County, New Brockton branch for their annual food bank drive.

NBHS Poll:

by Chelsea Dempsey

And the results are in! I recently conducted a poll among our student body concerning sports. Students were asked to respond to just two short questions.

Who is your favorite team?
51% stated Alabama
33% stated Auburn
16% stated Other
(teams that were mentioned included FSU, Patriots, and Florida)

Do you think Michael Vick deserves a 2nd chance to play in the NFL when he gets out of jail?
41% stated Yes.
59% stated No.

Why do we say it?

by Brandi Hendrix

Do you ever wonder why we say we're going to a shindig? Or how a soldier became known as a doughboy? These sayings are known as clichés. There are a million and one of them and they all came about in a weird way. **The Luck of the Irish-** Ever say that you had an unusual turn of luck? And someone told you that you had the luck of the Irish? This saying came about after the Irish endured a long time of despair and suffering; somehow they survived. Famine, strong winds and diseases all took a big toll on them, but they had that Irish luck.

The Naked Truth- One day Truth and Falsehood went bathing together. While Truth was underwater, Falsehood snuck out of the lake and stole away with Truth's clothes. Instead of taking Falsehood's clothing, he went naked. Arriving at Falsehood's door, Truth started making a big fuss; of course Falsehood denied it. Everyone gathered around, but no one could decide who was telling the truth. "Who would you believe?" asked Truth. "Falsehood in clothes, or the naked Truth?"

Kill Them With Kindness- You go to someone and tell them about your problems right? Well have they ever told you just to kill them with kindness? In the story of Draco, the Athenian legislator, Greeks used to throw hats and cloaks onto the stage to show their excitement and approval in they were enthused. Draco once excited the crowd so much that the entire gathering threw their cloaks and hats on top of him that he was smothered to death.



The NBHS Ambassadors include: President Emilee Dunn, Vice President Bethany Lott, Secretary Callie Hollis, Treasurer Anna Beth Sawyer, School Events Chair Brandon Bell, Kurstie Stanton, Rachel Troyer, Beth Vaughan, Kristine Fitzgerald, Monica Largess, Kendall Persin, Kayla Farnon, Erica Locklin, Maranda Foust, Vanessa Stuckey, Chelsea Smith, Chelsea Dempsey and Briney Oglesby. The Ambassador sponsor is Angi Oakes.

FBLA and FCCLA students visit Coppinville Junior High School

Kurstie Stanton and Josh Lindley, representing New Brockton High School's FCCLA and FBLA, visited a 7th grade class at Coppinville Junior High School on Thursday, Nov. 15.

The two NBHS seniors made a presentation about Grooming and Appearance, focusing on leadership skills and preparation for the future. Along with a powerpoint, Kurstie and Josh discussed the role that grooming

plays in self-esteem and how appearance can be perceived in the community.

They also discussed key terms such as perception, self-esteem, self-sufficient, predispose and unifying.

November Fun Facts:

by Taylor McAnear

- November is national peanut butter lover's month.
- Around 280 million turkeys are sold for Thanksgiving.
- 50% of Americans put stuffing inside of their turkeys.
- 20% of cranberries eaten are eaten on Thanksgiving.
- More than 40 million green bean casseroles are served on Thanksgiving.

Anyone wanting to contribute

Students rewarded for perfect attendance

On Friday, Nov. 16, 29 students with perfect attendance during the first nine weeks were rewarded with a pizza party.

The names of these students were then entered into a drawing for a \$100 Walmart gift card. Amanda Allums, a 9th grader, was awarded the gift card.

The incentive is one that will be repeated each nine-week grading period. At the end of the school year, all students who have perfect attendance for the entire year will qualify for another drawing with an even bigger reward – an IPOD.

Principal Gary Glass stated, "Good attendance is a key factor in student success. We want our kids to come to school every day, and I'm prepared to reward those who do."

The 29 students included: Josh Adkison, Robyn Adkison, Amanda Allums, Elizabeth Alton, Ashley Anderson, Callie Barbaree, Chad Beavers, Shelby Caradine, Mark Cedarstaff, Nathan Credille, Kayla Demers, Abi Dunaway, Nathan Foster, Andrew Fuller, Amber Grant, Chelsey Holloway, Jeremy Johnson, Austin Lindley, Briney Magwood, Stephen Marler, Dylan Mills, Dakota



Principal Gary Glass awards Freshman Amanda Allums a \$100 Walmart Gift Card for perfect attendance.

Morris, Keanthony Newson, Shakeria Newson, Kyle Thomas, and Courtney Williams.

Media Club publishes school library newsletter

The Media Club recently published its first issue of the new school library newsletter, *The Strutting Prose*.

This newsletter will focus on promoting books and the school library. It features book news, a book of the month, and "Before They Were Movies." It will also feature student works, a political corner, and a fun section.

Some may be wondering about the name.

The Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary defines strutting as "to walk with a proud gait, to walk with a pompous and affected air." Just think of strutting one's stuff.

Prose is "the ordinary language people use in speaking or writing or a literary medium distinguished from poetry especially by its greater irregularity and variety of rhythm and its closer correspondence to the patterns of everyday speech."

So basically, it means showing off the written word. Also, gamecocks strut – showing off that Gamecock Pride and talent!



Kristine Fitzgerald serves as the Editor for the NBHS Media Club.

to the newsletter in any way, should contact Mrs. Lori Cotney or Kristine Fitzgerald. *The Strutting Prose* will accept personal works.

If a student has a topic he/she wants to rant about or discuss, or have any comments, just write Fitzgerald a letter. If she likes it, she may include it as a "Letter to the Editor."

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Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The holiday season gets underway this week and the Mularz girls have already put in their menu for Thanksgiving dinner. I have dropped a few hints about what gifts they would like to receive for Christmas. Since my Mom has moved to Enterprise they should come out pretty good at the dinner table, but as far as Santa is concerned what they want and what they get may not match. Oh well, the holiday season is here, and hopefully it will bring with it joy and fellowship for family and friends.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers tipped off the basketball season last week and blew a 17-point second quarter lead in a surprising 70-62 loss to Ariton. The Tigers blistered the nets for 23 points in the first quarter and appeared ready to hang a big win on their visitors, but scored only 8 points in the second quarter to let Ariton back in the game and then scored only 1 point in the opening half of the fourth quarter as Ariton took command. Elba played the game without its starting two guards from last season due to injury, and while that had to hurt the Tigers' transition game, the lack of scoring in the second quarter and for half of the fourth quarter was what spelled doom for the home team. Elba has plenty of weapons and will get better as the season rolls along, but the opening loss had to hurt and should serve as a reminder that to win it must play its best for all four quarters.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers also dropped their season opener to Ariton 40-38, but unlike the boys, the girls fell behind early and saw a late charge come up two points short. The Lady Tigers trailed by 12 points entering the fourth quarter, but never gave up and battled until the final horn as they almost pulled off the win. Elba actually grabbed a lead with two minutes remaining, but then misfired from the free-throw line and missed three shots from under the goal in the closing seconds. Elba may not be as talented as in years past, but the girls played hard in the loss and if they will play hard in the games ahead they should get their share of wins.

*** Looking around the county.... The New Brockton Gamecocks opened the season last week with big wins over Kinston and Zion Chapel and appear to be the team to beat locally. The Gamecocks have depth, quickness and experience, and if they play hard and improve as the season progresses they just might surprise some folks in the area. Kinston rebounded from its opening loss to New Brockton to outscore Samson and appeared to be much improved from a year ago, while Zion Chapel was simply no match for its cross-county rivals and will have to slow down the game to have a chance at posting many wins this season. Over on the girls side of the court, Kinston has a couple of solid players and may be headed for a winning season, while New Brockton appeared to be improved and Zion Chapel should once again hang some wins on its side of the ledger.

*** The Brantley Bulldogs were ousted from the state football playoffs last week with a heart-breaking 21-20 loss to Wadley. The Bulldogs fell behind 21-0 in the first quarter, but kept plugging away and pulled within 21-20 in the game, only to see a two-point conversion fail as they dropped the one-point loss. I know the fans over in Brantley are disappointed with the second round loss, but when a team can post a 10-2 record and be disappointed about the season you know the program must be pretty darn good. Brantley has carried the banner high for years, and should for many more years to come.

*** There were a few surprises in the state football playoffs last week in just about every class. In Class 6A, Dade stunned Opelika 21-14 and Mt. Brook knocked off 4th ranked Tuscaloosa County 17-14, while in Class 5A UMS-Wright evened its record at 6-6 with a 3-0 upset win over Eufula and Decatur outscored Benjamin Russell 45-42 in triple overtime. In Class 4A Andalusia kept its season alive with a 31-21 win over Cleburne County, while down in Class 3A there were a few surprises as Calera blanked Gordo 19-9, Clarke County edged past Winfield 19-16 in overtime, Pike County struggled to get past Marbury 28-6. In Class 2A Highland Home was outscored by American Christian 37-20, Cottonwood slipped past Georgiana 20-19 and Wicksburg got pounded by Lanett 47-19, and down in Class 1A Florala was ousted by Maplesville 54-30.

*** Alabama's 21-14 loss to Louisiana Monroe had to be one of the most embarrassing losses ever for the Crimson Tide. The Tide was down after back-to-back losses to LSU and Mississippi State and was looking to improve before its match-up this week with Auburn, but forgot to show up and took it on the chin to a 4-6 team from the Sun Belt Conference. I know parity has made college football a little more unpredictable, but that wasn't the case last week-end for the Tide.

*** In closing.... the Alabama High School Athletic Association released its new classifications last week for the 2008-2010 school years and the big news locally was the fact Elba moved down to Class 2A. The Tigers will compete in football with region opponents Cottonwood, Houston County, Houston Academy, G.W. Long, Samson, New Brockton and Barbour County, while in basketball they will be in the same area with Cottonwood, New Brockton and Samson. Zion Chapel also moved up to Class 2A, while Luverne moved up to 3A and Geneva County slipped down to 1A and will slide in the region with Brantley in football. Next week I will pass along more information about the new regions, areas and school population.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PLAYOFFS

The Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator called in this week's picks after posting a 19-5 record last week in second round action. The local guesspert has now hit 44 of his 53 playoff picks, and promised to stick with it until the state crowns its champions in three weeks. Here goes....
(6A) Prattville 17 Foley 14, McGill-Toolen 28 Daphne 21
(5A) St. Pauls 31 Charles Henderson 14, Williamson 20 UMS-Wright 10
(4A) Central 34 Andalusia 21, Thomasville 28 Handley 27
(3A) Cordova 28 Pike County 20, Clarke County 14 Cordova 10
(2A) American Christian 28 Cottonwood 13, Lanett 22 Leroy 21
(1A) Sweet Water 35 Wadley 7, Maplesville 41 Linden 19

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Blow 17-point lead

Elba Tigers upset in opener 70-62

The Elba Tigers tipped off the high school basketball season Friday night and saw a 17-point second quarter lead vanish late in the game as they were upset by the Ariton Purple Cats 70-62, in Elba.

Ariton jumped out to an early 4-1 lead in the season opener for both teams, but the Tigers went on a 16-0 run behind the scoring of Channing Morris and Richard Cooks to move on top 17-4 with 3:43 remaining in the first quarter. The Purple Cats scored five quick points to pull within 17-9 with 3:01 remaining. However, Elba regained command late and carried a 23-12 lead into the second quarter after a late basket by Morris.

Elba continued to add to its advantage early in the second quarter and moved ahead 29-12 with 3:50 left in the half after buckets by Keenan Phillips, Jordan McBride and Jordan Bryant. The Tigers were still in control at 31-16 with 3:06 left on the clock, but Ariton refused to fold and hit 8 of 13 free throws in the final three minutes to pull within 31-14 at the half.

Ariton outscored Elba 8-3 to open the third quarter as the Purple Cats pulled within 34-32 with 5:36 remaining in the period. However, the Tigers picked up the pressure on defense after a time-out and sparked by Channing Morris went on a 10-1 run to go up 44-33 with 4:03 left in the quarter. The Purple Cats cut the lead to five late in the stanza, but the Tigers again regained command and carried a 51-43 lead into the final stanza after a late three-pointer by Kareem Siler.

Ariton opened the fourth quarter with a 10-0 run to take a 53-51 lead with 5:47 remaining on the clock, and while a free-throw by Elba's Channing Morris cut the Purple Cat lead to 53-52 with 5:34 left, the Cats scored the game's next nine

EOCC Lady Weevils place second at season opening tourney in Albany

The Enterprise-Ozark Community College Lady Boll Weevils officially opened the 2007-08 basketball season over the weekend in Albany, Ga.

On Friday, the Weevil Women downed Abraham-Baldwin, 56-51, with Geneva sophomore Megan Bass leading the EOCC effort with 12 points and 17 rebounds. Enterprise native Kara Hunter had 11 points and Ft. Rucker's Nikole Felder added 10 points, seven rebounds and six steals to the winning effort. Samson's Sierra Wiginton had six points and seven rebounds; Shorterville native April Spann had five points and eight rebounds; and Louisville's Veronica Gilbert had four points and nine rebounds.

"It was good to get a win," said interim coach Ricky Mularz who took over the team when veteran coach Charles

points and opened up a 62-52 lead with 3:31 remaining in the game. The Tigers' Channing Morris nailed back-to-back three-pointers and then converted a steal into a lay-up as Elba pulled within 62-60 with 2:17 on the clock, and after a basket by Trey Belcher the Tigers were still behind by only two at 64-62 with 1:48 remaining.

Belcher's basket proved to be the final points the Tigers would score; however, Ariton hung on despite hitting only 4 of 10 free throws in the final 33-seconds and left with the 70-62 upset win over the Tigers.

Channing Hooks scored 27 points to lead Elba, while Richard Cooks added 10. James Edmonds and Robert Leggett both scored 20 points to lead Ariton, while Bradley Lightner added 14.

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Ariton (70): Lightner 14, Leggett 9, Edmonds 20, R. Leggett 20, Shipman 3, Harden 4.

Elba (62): Harrelson 6, Siler 9, Phillips 2, Bryant 2, Cooks 10, Belcher 6, Morris 27, McBride 2.

(JV GAME)

The Elba JV Tigers led all the way to open their season with a 55-13 win over the Ariton Purple Cats. The Tigers jumped out to an early 11-1 lead, extended their lead to 29-8 at the half and outscored the 'Cats 17-0 in the final stanza to post the lopsided 55-13 win.

Chance Goosby scored 20 points to lead Elba, while Christian led Ariton with 11 points.

Elba (55): Tillis 4, Cole 5, Reynolds 7, Martin 3, Goosby 20, Lindsey 4.
Ariton (13): Christian 11, Timmy 2.



Elba's Richard Cooks (22) drives in for a basket in last week's season opener against Ariton. Cooks, a sophomore, scored 10 points in the 70-62 loss.

Late rally falls short

Elba Lady Tigers drop season opener to Ariton 40-38

The Elba Lady Tigers opened their season Friday night at home and saw a gallant fourth quarter rally fall short as they lost to the Ariton Lady Cats 40-38.

Elba couldn't find the basket early on and trailed 4-1 with 5:54 remaining in the first quarter, but rallied midway through the quarter and pulled even at 4-4 after a basket by Janae Camley and a free throw by Leanna Henderson. The Lady 'Cats scored the game's next five points to move ahead 9-4, and despite hitting only 3 of 12 free-throws owned a 10-8 lead at the end of the quarter.

The Lady Tigers stayed close for much of the second quarter and trailed only 14-12 midway through the stanza, but with its starters on the bench in foul trouble could only watch as Ariton pulled away late to grab a 23-16 halftime advantage.

Ariton continued its dominance early in the third quarter and opened up a 27-16 lead, only to see the Lady Tigers rally behind the play of Leanna Henderson to pull within 27-21 with 4:38 remaining in the stanza. The Lady 'Cats regained control in the closing minutes of the quarter; however, and carried a big 34-22 lead into the final quarter of action.

The Lady Tigers picked up the pressure on defense in the final stanza and opened the quarter with a 10-0 run to pull within 34-32 with 3:38 remaining after a three-pointer by Leanna Henderson. Ariton moved back on top by four

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SPORTS

Foster scores 13

New Brockton Gamecocks open season with 63-49 win over Kinston Bulldogs

The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead midway through the first quarter and never looked back last Tuesday night to claim a 63-49 win over the Kinston Bulldogs, in the season opener for both teams.

New Brockton jumped out to an early 6-2 lead behind the play of Justin Flowers and Dadrion Johnson, only to see Kinston rally as the Bulldogs scored six straight points to take an 8-6 lead on a lay-up by Aaron Jacobs with 2:39 remaining on the clock. The Gamecocks made trips to the free throw line on tight next five trips down the line, and hit on 7 of 10 from the line to grab a 13-8 lead with 1:15 on the clock. Kinston tried to rally late in the stanza, but New Brockton remained in control and upped its lead to 18-10 on a three-pointer by Brandon Farnon with only :06 remaining on the clock.

New Brockton continued its dominance early in the second quarter and led by the scoring of Shambray Johnson went on a 12-3 tear to open up a big 30-13 lead with 3:51 left in the stanza. Kinston tried to stage a rally and did pull within 30-17 on a three-pointer by AJ Johnson, only to watch as the Gamecocks close the quarter with a rush to carry a 37-20 lead in at the half.

New Brockton went up 39-20 early in the third quarter on a pair of free throws by Justin Flowers and appeared ready to blow the game open. However, Kinston battled back, and led by the three-point shooting of John Moss and Matt Whigham closed out 47-37 by the end of the stanza.

The Bulldogs pulled within 47-39 early in the fourth quarter on a basket by Nick Weeks, but a three-pointer by the Gamecocks' Courtney Foster pushed the lead back out to 50-39, and New Brockton never lost command over the remainder of the stanza as the Gamecocks posted the 63-49 win.

New Brockton, which hit 25 of 42 free throws, was led in scoring by Courtney Foster with 13 points, while Shambray Johnson added 12 and Dadrion Johnson scored 10. Matt Whigham next five trips down the line, and hit on 7 of 10 from the line, with 18 points.)

N.B. (63): Harris 2, McNair 7, Trice 3, Muhammad 4, Foster 13, Farnon 6, Flowers 5, S. Johnson 12, D. Johnson 10.

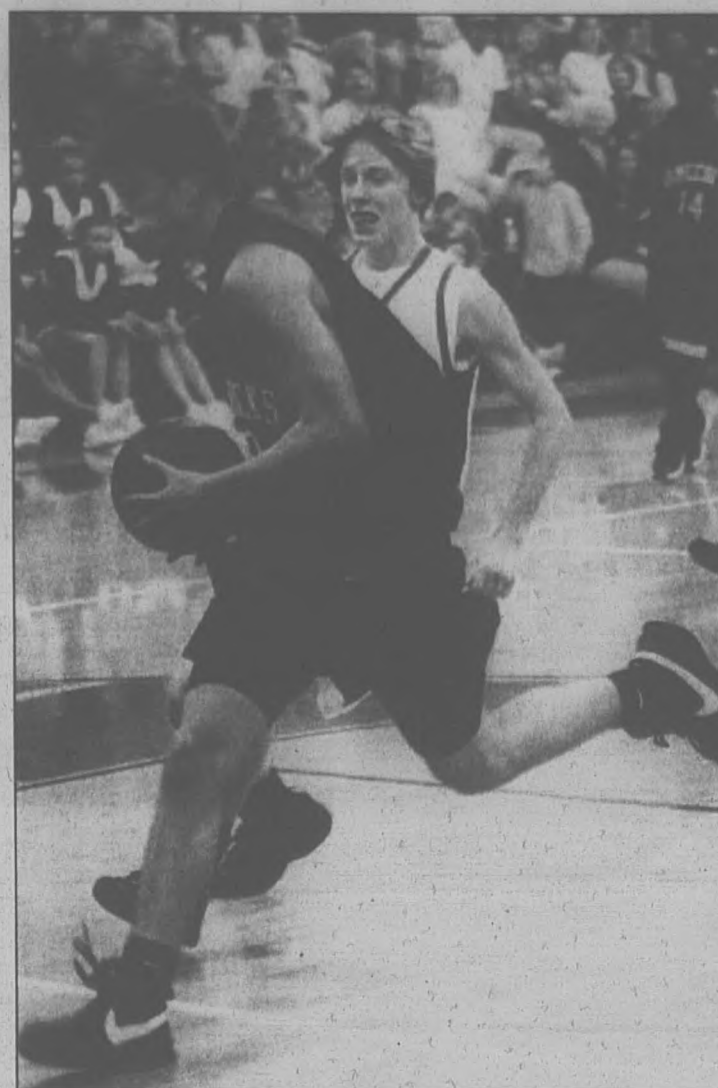
Kinston (49): Jacobs 4, Whigham 18, Johnson 6, Donaldson 6, Moss 5, Weeks 7, Sessions 1, Wise 2.

(JV GAME)

The Kinston JV Bulldogs used a big second quarter to take command and held on late to down the New Brockton Gamecocks 44-33. Kinston held a slim 4-3 lead after one quarter, but outscored the Gamecocks 20-7 in the second quarter to grab a 24-10 halftime bulge and held on over the final two periods to claim the 44-33 win.

Kinston (44): Wilson 1, Kelley 4, Hunko 4, K. Rachel 11, Cosby 2, Free 2, Devine 2, Boswell 11, A. Rachel 7.

N.B. (33): Farris 8, Pierson 2, McArthur 2, Driggers 4, Grinnow 4, Gantz 4, Moore 1, Haynes 8.



New Brockton Gamecock Brandon Farnon drives toward the basket in last week's 63-49 win over Kinston. Farnon scored 6 points to help the Gamecocks open the season with a win. (Photo by Mike Capps)

Junior High & Varsity BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Varsity

Monday, November 26

Elba at Kinston (JV-VG-VB) 5:00

Tuesday, November 27

Andalusia at Elba (JV-VG-VB) 4:30

Geneva County at New Brockton (JV-VG-VB) 4:30

Opp at Kinston (JV-VG-VB) 5:00

Zion Chapel at Wicksburg (JV-VG-VB)

Junior High

Monday, November 26

New Brockton at Zion Chapel (8G-8B) 4:30

Tuesday, November 27

Elba at Opp (8G-8B) 4:30

High School ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

Lady Bulldogs tip off season with 41-33 win over New Brockton

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs tipped off the high school basketball season with a bang last Tuesday night by claiming an exciting 41-33 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks, at Kinston.

New Brockton jumped out to an early 4-0 lead on baskets by Kayla Purvis and Anna Beth Sawyer, only to see Kinston rally and pull even at 4-4 on baskets by Marika Whitehurst and Casey Dean. The Lady Gamecocks moved back on top on back-to-back buckets by Whitney Brantley. However, the Lady Bulldogs used a 7-0 run to grab an 11-8 lead and carried an 11-10 advantage into the second quarter.

Monica Largess scored the first three points of the second quarter to help New Brockton regain the lead at 13-11, but the Lady Gamecocks scored only one point the remainder of the stanza to allow Kinston to go in at the half with a 17-14 lead.

Ashley McCall and Casey Dean sparked a 5-0 run for the Lady Bulldogs early in the third

quarter as Kinston moved ahead 22-14 with 5:08 left in the stanza. However, New Brockton refused to buckle under the Lady Bulldog pressure and rallied behind the scoring of Alex Lee and Whitney Brantley to pull within 24-23 by the end of the stanza.

A three-pointer by Kinston's Ashley McCall sparked a 9-0 Lady Bulldog run early in the fourth quarter as Kinston moved on top 33-23 with 6:17 left on the clock, and while New Brockton did rally and got as close as 33-28 with 3:47 remaining, the Lady Bulldogs never lost control and held on to post the 41-33 win.

Casey Dean scored 17 points to lead Kinston, while Ashley McCall added 11. Whitney Brantley led New Brockton, which hit only 5 of 21 free throws, with 9 points.

Kinston (41): McCall 11, Dean 17, Mock 2, Manning 2, Whitehurst 9.

N.B. (33): Purvis 5, Sawyer 3, Lee 4, Brantley 9, Dunaway 4, Largess 8.

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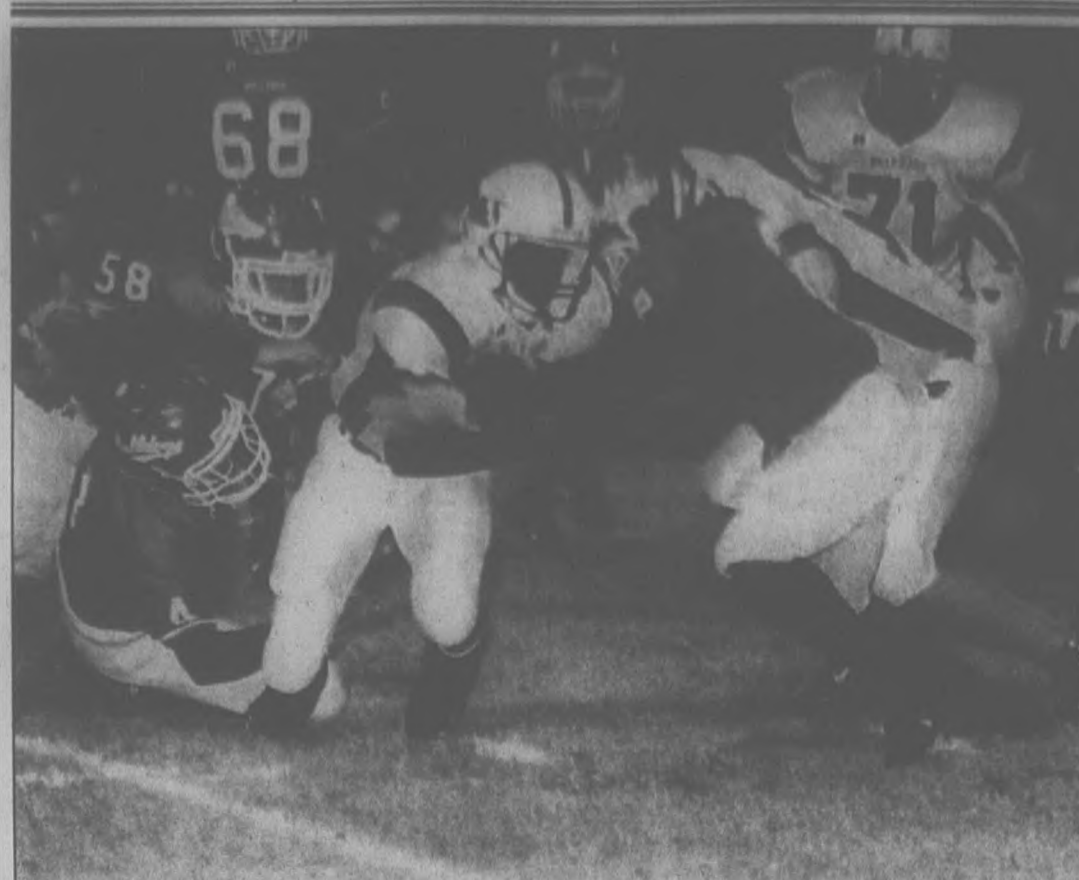
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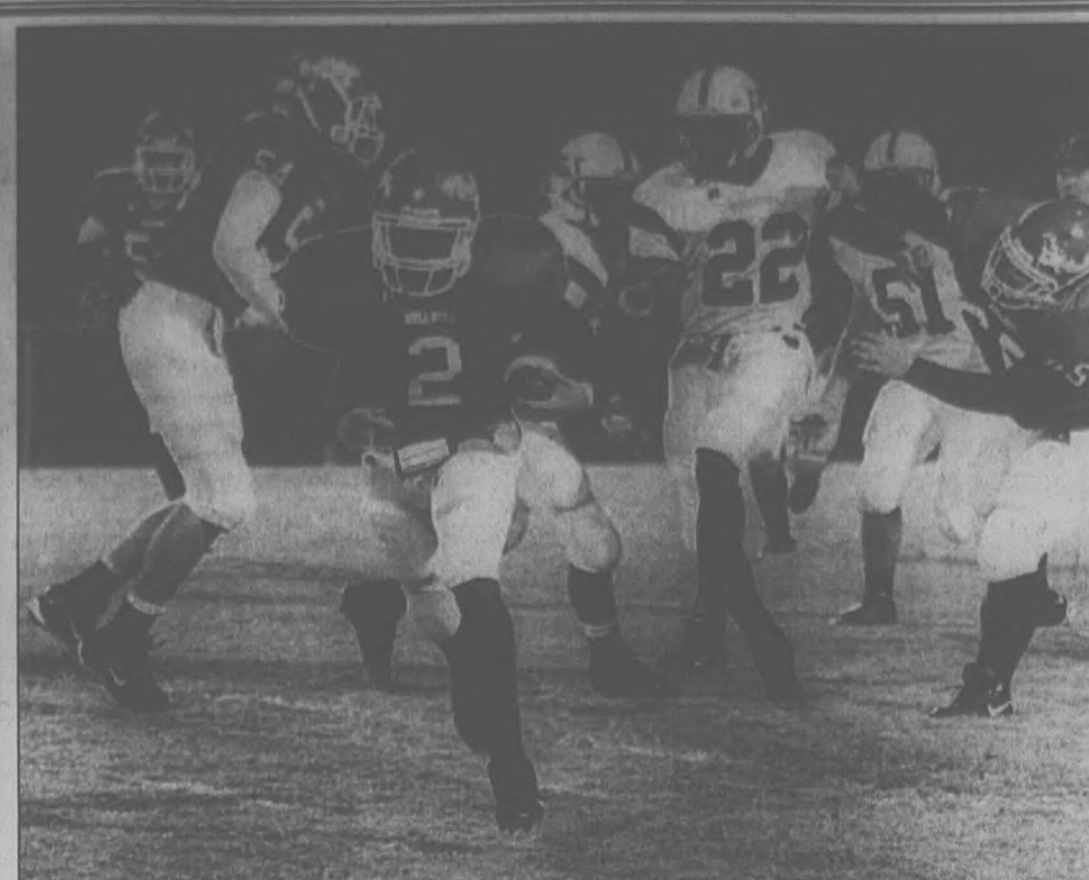
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SPORTS



Members of the Brantley Bulldog defense merges in the backfield to bring down a Wadley runner for no gain. Helping make the stop for the Bulldogs are Justin Wright (3), Stephen Walker (4) and Chase Haws (58) as teammate Jessie Haveard (68) closes in.



OFF AND RUNNING... is Brantley's Anthony Gully (2) as Westley Spivey (54) gets ready to make a key block. Gully gained 108 yards on 24 carries, caught a 28-yard pass, threw a 31-yard touchdown pass and returned a punt 78 yards for a touchdown last week in the Bulldogs' 21-20 loss to Wadley.

Early turnovers prove fatal

Brantley ousted from playoffs in 21-20 upset

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson and Mike Capps

The 10-1 Wadley Bulldogs traveled to Brantley Friday night to take on the 10-1 Brantley Bulldogs in Class 1A state playoff action and the fans on both sides got more than their money's worth as Brantley spotted Wadley an early 21-0 lead and then battled back only to fall one-point short in a heart-breaking 21-20 loss.

The first touchdown of the night came with 7:29 left in the first quarter when DeShawn Zachery intercepted a tipped Brantley pass and returned it 60 yards. Shane Lawhorn kicked the extra-point, and Wadley was on the scoreboard first with a 7-0 lead.

Moment's later, lightning struck again as Martevan McKistic picked off another tipped pass and returned the interception 47 yards for another touchdown. Lawhorn's extra-point was true, and with 4:58 remaining in the quarter Wadley owned a 14-0 advantage.

Wadley held Brantley to a three and out on the game's next offensive possession and put the ball in play at its own 41-yard line. On the next snap Timothy Marable went off left guard for 59 yards and a touchdown. The extra-point by Lawhorn was

successful, and with 3:08 remaining in the first quarter Wadley owned a shocking 21-0 lead over the hometown Bulldogs.

Brantley turned the ball over on a fumble on its next possession at its own 42-yardline, but this time the Brantley defense held and forced a punt.

Brantley found itself at its own 8-yardline after the Wadley punt, but didn't stay backed up for long as on the first play of the possession Anthony Gully took a pitch-out around the right end and headed toward the sideline. Justin Wright made a crushing block that took out two defenders at the Brantley 30, and Gully sprinted down the field on the 92-yard touchdown run. Britt Barnes kicked the extra-point, and with 11:33 left in the second quarter Brantley cut the Wadley lead to 21-7.

Wadley drove deep into Brantley territory late in the half, but on the final play of the half the Bulldog defense rose up again and stopped Kelsey Staples inches short of the goal line, as Brantley went in at intermission still on the short end of a 21-7 score.

The teams exchanged punts as the second half opened, while a 41-yard punt return by Brantley's Anthony Gully set

the Bulldogs up at the Wadley 19-yardline. Four plays resulted in a loss of 11 yards; however, as the Bulldogs failed to cash in the scoring opportunity.

Brantley got another break on Wadley's ensuing offensive series as Dexter Daniels caused a fumble that was recovered by the Bulldogs' Chase Haws. Haws made the recovery at the Wadley 43-yardline, and quickly moved to a first down at the Wadley 14. Three running plays got the Bulldogs as close as the 7-yardline, but on the key fourth down play the 'Dogs were sacked for a 6-yard loss as they saw yet another chance go by the scoreboard.

Wadley moved the chains twice on its ensuing possession before being forced to punt. Brantley's Anthony Gully fielded the punt and headed up the left sideline, where Westley Spivey made a key block that sprung Gully on a 78-yard return for a score. Britt Barnes kicked the extra-point as Brantley pulled within 21-14 with 5:45 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Three plays later, Brantley's Tevin Daniels recovered a fumble at the Wadley 41-yardline, and the Bulldogs comeback hopes were still alive. Four running plays gave Brantley a first

down at the Wadley 31-yardline, while on the next play from scrimmage Anthony Gully rolled right and tossed a half-back pass across the field to a wide-open Justin Wright in the endzone for a touchdown. The extra-point try sailed wide; however, Wadley was flagged for roughing the kicker, and Brantley made the decision to go for the two-point conversion and the win. Gully got the call on the crucial conversion attempt, but was met by a trio of Wadley defenders, as Wadley made the key stop and escaped with the 21-20 win.

Anthony Gully had another big night in all-purpose yards as he rushed 24 times for 108 yards, caught a pass for 28 yards, threw a 31-yard touchdown pass and had four returns for 156 yards. Timothy Marable led Wadley with 137 yards on 17 carries.

STATISTICS			
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1st Downs	9	11	
Rushes-Yds.	35-138	32-174	
Passing Yds.	59	69	
Total Offense	197	243	
Passes	2-9-3	4-11-0	
Return Yds.	184	164	
Fumbles Lost	1	2	
Penalties-Yds.	8-53	5-55	
Punts-Ave.	3-39	5-34	



Brantley Bulldog's Dillon Motes (55), Austin Mitchell (77), Roy-L. Knighten (9), Stephen Walker (4), Chase Haws (58) and Westley Spivey (54) kneel and wait to return to action last week in the Bulldogs' second round playoff game against Wadley.



Brantley Bulldog mascot kept the spirit throughout the game last week.

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Zion Chapel School bus drivers were honored on Wednesday, October 17 with a breakfast. They were each presented a shirt with their name and a school bus embroidered on the front. We are proud of our drivers and their excellent record. We thank them for the job they do each day and for their concern for our student's safety and welfare.

Zion Chapel bus drivers honored with breakfast Wednesday, October 17th

The transporting of Alabama's school children must be held to the highest levels of safety. School buses are transporting Alabama's most precious cargo and its future. Children are safer on a school bus than any other mode of transportation. School bus safety in Alabama is much higher than the national average. The following safety statistics support this fact. In Alabama, there are over 8,300 buses providing daily transportation for more than 357,000 schoolchildren. These buses travel and estimated 333,608 miles one way each day. School bus fatalities in Alabama are almost non-existent.

The Republican Women of Coffee County to have special Christmas Luncheon

The Republican Women of Coffee County will have a special Christmas Luncheon on December 12th at the Rawls in downtown Enterprise. Social at 11 AM. Lunch will be served at

Noon. The program will be installation of officers and an "Elephant" gift exchange. Please call Jan White 348-2451 for information and reservations.

Coffee County Extension office hosts Master Gardener class for first time

The Coffee County Extension office hosted a Master Gardener class for the first time in Coffee County this fall. Participants attended forty hours of instruction on subjects like insects, soils, plant diseases, landscape design, weed control, care and maintenance of ornamentals, plant propagation, and many more. In order to be certified Master Gardeners, class members will give back forty hours of volunteer service to Extension and their community by educating and helping others with horticulture issues. For more information on how to be a part of the Master Gardener Volunteer Program, call the Coffee County Extension office at (334) 894-5596 or Rachel Dykes at (334) 774-2329.



Pictured from left: Kay Johnson, Paul Brandt, Harriet Patterson, Judy Hurley, Gail Smith, Charlotte Griffin, Marja Grimeley, Bonnie Morgan, Darla Grubb, Janine Coles, Alice Hersant, David Ellis, Julie Mills, Ann Haney, Charlie Block, Suzanne Beckinger, Pat Williams, Jennifer Zornes, Nell Gilmer, Al Edwards, Dee Martin, and Rachel Dykes

Enterprise-Ozark Community College's Aviation Campus offers broad variety of courses

Enterprise-Ozark Community College's Aviation Campus at Ozark once again has a broad array of aviation courses in airframe technology, powerplant technology, avionics, and general aviation technology in both days and evenings for next

spring semester. Additionally, a selection of general course offerings in computers, English, speech, art, music, psychology, and math are scheduled for days. Registration is now open. and the class schedule may be accessed online at www.eoccc.edu Spring semester classes begin January 9.

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Military servicemembers continue to reap educational opportunities

Enterprise-Oriskany Community College's Fort Rucker Site opened in 1983. Many military servicemembers and their families have enjoyed quality educational opportunities since that time.

EOCC's participation in SOCAD, however, dates back to its inception in 1972. SOCAD stands for Servicemembers Opportunity College Associate Degree. This program allows a servicemember or his/her spouse and eligible family members to satisfy designated minimum residency and credit hour requirements at EOCC, upon transfer from this

area, the student is allowed to complete degree requirements at another college in the SOCAD network and transfer those credits to EOCC; the degree is then awarded from EOCC.

"With SOCAD, our soldier-students can transfer their earned credits to or from other institutions," says Harvey Watt, Associate Dean of Instruction/Special Projects.

"Another important factor for military servicemembers and their families attending EOCC is that we have counselors who are familiar with the SOCAD system and can advise them about their courses of study. Our

counselors also work with military students to insure they receive proper college credit for their military service schools.

"EOCC grants credit in accordance with the recommendations published by the American Council on Education in a 'Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services.' By using this guide as the standard, soldiers are always assured that their service school credits will transfer to all SOCAD institutions.

"The counselors also give personal assistance with the new Go Army Ed system, the program for military tuition assistance.

"And our faculty at Fort Rucker are part-time and full-time instructors. Our quality is equal to the instruction given on either of our larger campuses." For more information about SOCAD or EOCC's Fort Rucker Site, call (334) 598-3438 or go online at www.eocc.edu.

CHAMBER (Continued from Page 1)

Christmas. The cast of the play will include chamber board members. Chamber board member Linda Hodge wrote the play.

The presentation of "Feels Like Christmas" is set to begin at approximately 2 p.m., and chamber officials invite everyone to make plans to be on the square for this production.

Activities on the square for the Christmas Festival will end around 4:43 p.m. as preparation begins for the annual Elba

Christmas Parade. The parade is set to begin at 4:30 p.m. Applications currently are being accepted for parade entries. Anyone interested in entering the parade should contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce office for an application form. The deadline to enter the parade is Monday, Dec. 3.

For more information about the Elba Christmas Festival or Parade, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at (334) 897-3125.

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New Brockton High School 1st Reporting Period Honor Rolls

"A" Honor Roll

7th Grade: Robyn Adkins, Ashley Allen, Emily Anderson, Faith Caylor, Britney Magwood, Ryan Watson

8th Grade: Claire Bailey, Lindsey Foster, Jenna Freese

9th Grade: Whitney Brantley, Heather Hendrix, Chelsey Holloway, Steven Smith

10th Grade: Abby Dunaway, Justin Parris, Chase Hendrix, Adam Pope, Kelly Wood

11th Grade: Erica Locklin, Jessica Parrish

12th Grade: Josh Adkins, Rachel Troyer

"B" Honor Roll

7th Grade: Juliana Bayhi, Nathan Credille, Austin Green, Alexis Hall, Amber Hall, Savannah Hutto, Nikki Lee, Christen Lindsey, Allison McAnear, Ashton Morrow, Shakiera Newson, Taylor Pearson, Emily Smith, Zach Thomas, Josh Tipton, Kyle Turner, Tykis Wallace, Jessie Watson

8th Grade: Shelby Adkins, Amber Barnett, Chad Beavers, Brittany Carpenter, Sloan Cotter, Kaitlan Crosby, Savannah Ellis, Abby Gatlin, Chris Green, James Haynes, Sarah Herbert, Laken Hornsby, Danley Mock, Darin Morrow, Keanthony Newson, Olivia Sasser, Allison Snell, Kimberly Stephenson, Kianna Thomas

9th Grade: Cailynn Bastion, Alyssa Brown, Brittany Clarke, Rob Driggers, Ja'Micah Dunn, Aubrey Hawkins, Brandi Hendrix, Kayla Purvis, Courtney Williams

10th Grade: Emily Bowers, Mollie Brown, Shelby Brown, Tori James, Chelsea Lindsey, Tevin McNair, Ebonee Muhammad, Sarah Sims, Josh Stanton, Michele Taylor, Krista Thomas, Kristin Wood

11th Grade: Chelsea Dempsey, Ashley Horton, Jeremy Johnson, Daniel Pair, Ashley Quattlebaum, Chelsea Smith, Emilee Dunn, Kristine Fitzgerald, Courtney Foster, Andrew Fuller, Katherine Johnson, Daniel Kelley, Monica Largess, Bethany Lott, Kendall Persin, Aaron Pope, Kurstie Stanton, Tiffany Taylor, Beth Vaughan, Sonya Watley

12th Grade: Jacklyn Broxton, Emilee Dunn, Kristine Fitzgerald, Courtney Foster, Andrew Fuller, Katherine Johnson, Daniel Kelley, Monica Largess, Bethany Lott, Kendall Persin, Aaron Pope, Kurstie Stanton, Tiffany Taylor, Beth Vaughan, Sonya Watley

Altrusa to sponsor Breakfast with Santa

Altrusa International of Jack, Ala. will sponsor "Breakfast with Santa" Saturday, Dec. 8, from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the activities building of Hebron Baptist Church.

Breakfast will include pancakes and sausage. There is a small charge for this event.

Games to include: Gingerbread Jewelry, Snowman Game, Candy Cane Walk, Pin-the-Nose on Rudolph, Cookie Decorating, Reindeer Food and Santa's Workshop.

Professional photos will be made.

Charities/churches reminded of law prohibiting involvement with political campaigns

The Internal Revenue Service recently reminded section 501(c)(3) organizations, including churches and churches that federal law prohibits them from becoming directly or indirectly involved in campaigns of political candidates.

The IRS Revenue Ruling 2007-41 outlines a number of scenarios to help charities and churches understand the ban on political campaign activity and actions that may arise.

Violation of the law can result in imposition of an excise tax or, in extreme cases, a loss of tax exempt status.

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Local hunters seek laws regarding coyotes

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Several local hunters gathered Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 27, at Parker's Fox Run outside of Elba for an informal meeting with local officials to discuss an issue weighing heavily on them. Johnny Wood said the hunters would like to see the State of Alabama create laws regarding nuisance animals such as coyotes.

Wood spoke recently with the Covington County Commission regarding the issue. He was seeking their support in the hunters' efforts to create laws for trapping and moving coyotes.

Wood and those in attendance

seemed to agree it would be beneficial to have laws requiring licensing for trappers and licensing for enclosures. He also said the local hunters want to be licensed and regulated.

Wood said he realizes there needs to be some "give" both ways regarding the issue. He said he will meet early next week with officials at the state's conservation department regarding the issue.

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Coffee County Commission conducts routine meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission held a brief meeting Monday, Nov. 26, during which the county deposited for the year was selected.

Commissioners opened proposals for the county depository for the year. Only one bank submitted a proposal.

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County proposed an interest rate on deposits of 3.83 percent for the year. Commissioners unanimously approved a motion naming the bank as the county depository for the year.

Upon the recommendation of county engineer Randy Tindell, a motion was approved to award the bid for culverts on County Rd. 359 to Earth Tech Construction LLC. The company submitted a bid for \$222,750.

County administrator Kathy Lolley recommended commissioners approve a motion changing the deadline to get on the agenda to speak at a commission meeting to Tuesday before the meeting instead of Wednesday. She said this will better coincide with the work sessions. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve this request.

Lolley also recommended commissioners change the date

of the last meeting in December to Friday, Dec. 21, at 8 a.m. since the regular meeting time falls on Christmas Eve. Again, commissioners approved the request.

A motion to allow the county to continue to help the City of Enterprise with site preparation for the new senior center for approximately 14 extra days than originally agreed upon was approved with only commissioner Doug Dalrymple voting against the motion. According to the motion, the City of Enterprise will reimburse the county for the extra days of use.

Dalrymple said the county has over 200 miles of unpaved dirt roads and that equipment needs to be on those roads.

"We are way behind in paving dirt roads and a lot of this is due to us doing everything but paving roads," he said.

Sheriff Dave Sutton reported to commissioners that the sheriff's department participated in the "take our roads back" campaign over the Thanksgiving holiday. He said the department ran four road checks on county roads during the campaign.

Sutton said the weekend was very busy but successful.

Commissioner Jim Thompson issued a challenge to county residents.

Elba Council hears of progress with FEMA approval on U.S. 84 extension

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

In a brief meeting Monday evening the Elba City Council heard Mayor James Grimes report of a recent contact indicating FEMA is moving forward with the deed work to clear the way for extending the 203 Bypass through the Riverview area, thus allowing for continued work on the four-laning of U. S. 84 from Enterprise to Andalusia. Grimes told council members the deeds are being sent to the state EMA office with instructions on how they are to be signed and what to then do with the signed paperwork. Grimes also reported that the bankrupt court has moved forward with the Dorsey Trailer bankrupt sale by denying a protest from one creditor.

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5th at 5:30 p.m. dealing with the long awaited downtown sidewalk project. Grant funds have been approved, the plans have passed muster. The mayor and project engineer will explain the project to interested citizens at the city hall meeting on the 5th.

On the down side Grimes reported that the CDBG grant application for sewer work funding on Marilyn Street was not approved in the latest round of grants.

The council voted to accept the street extension of Kelley Drive after being assured that the paving and utility installation was all done to the City's specifications.

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build the Habitat house. Currently, he said \$12,500 has been raised for the project. However, the club moved \$700 closer to the goal last Tuesday evening when the Elba Lions Club donated \$700 towards the project.

Riegle said groundbreaking

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